

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF WILL) S.S.
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD)

RESOLUTION #19-01

Resolution of Declaration of 2nd Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary Township

WHEREAS, the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, an individual right affirmed by the US Supreme Court

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence refers to all being endowed by their Creator with the unalienable right to Life, self-defense is an "original right" referred to by Alexander Hamilton in Federalist 28, and self-defense is recognized as a national and international right

WHEREAS, Americans lawfully use firearms hundreds of thousands of times each year, protecting themselves and their loved ones from violent criminals

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 12 million Americans who lawfully carry concealed firearms

WHEREAS, lawfully armed civilians have stopped active shooters and saved law enforcement officers who were under attack

WHEREAS, firearms are lawfully used for hunting and sport, on a daily basis, across the country

WHEREAS, unbiased research has shown that concealed carry of firearms reduces violent crime, and those benefiting most from firearms in self-defense are women, the elderly and the disabled

WHEREAS, abridging the rights of lawful gun owners does not reduce the criminal use of firearms by violent offenders

WHEREAS, the Federal and State governments have, for many years, had numerous laws, statutes, and regulations relating to firearms ownership, purchase, transportation, transfer, carry and use

WHEREAS, violations of existing laws, statutes and regulations are already criminal offenses, many being felonies

WHEREAS, the US is 62nd on the worldwide list of nations for frequency of mass shootings, behind countries like Norway, Finland and Switzerland

WHEREAS, gun control laws, including a plethora of current proposed legislation, are not evidence-based

WHEREAS, legislation called "gun safety" legislation, factually has nothing to do with teaching or promoting the safe and lawful use of firearms

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Plainfield Township Board declares Plainfield Township to be a 2nd Amendment/ Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary Township.
2. The Plainfield Township Board supports the rights of lawful gun owners to lawfully use firearms; to defend themselves, their loved ones and other innocents; to lawfully hunt to provide sustenance for their families; and to lawfully participate in shooting sports up to and including Olympic sports.
3. The Plainfield Township Board opposes further interference with, or abridging of, the rights of lawful gun owners.
4. The Plainfield Township Board opposes gun control or "gun safety" legislation, State, Federal, or local.
5. The Plainfield Township Board espouses holding accountable the violent criminal offenders, rather than irrational and/or disproven attempts to control lawful tools of self-defense, hunting and sport.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL be effective from and after the date of its adoption.

PASSED THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2019, at the Township Board meeting duly held in the Town of Plainfield, County of Will, Illinois.

Anthony F. Fremarek, Supervisor

Date

Michelle Smith, Clerk

Date

Record of Votes:

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____ Pass:_____ Abstain:_____